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GIVES PROVISIONS OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION LAW

The provisions of the compulsory education law follow:

Clothing and Transportation for Children

1. Effective 1 September 1950, it shall be the responsibility of the Minister of Education and the chairmen of all local people's committees to see that every child beginning with ages 7 and 8 goes to school without fail.
2. The chairman of the State Planning Board and the Minister of Commerce shall not fail to see that children from poor families are provided with adequate clothing and shoes paid for by the government. Also, it shall be the duty of the Minister of Communications to provide free transportation for children who must commute by train.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Minister of Education, chairman of the State Planning Board, Minister of Finance, and chairmen of various local people's committees to complete the establishment of child-care centers throughout North Korea so that all orphan children may be given better care in the centers beginning 31 August 1950.

School Buildings

1. It shall be the duty of the Minister of Education, Minister of City Planning, and chairmen of various local people's committees to utilize state-owned houses and buildings to provide adequate housing for teachers, for dormitories, and child-care centers.
2. Buildings used by noneducational organizations shall be handed over for educational purposes, unless used for special purposes recognized by the government.

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3. It shall be the responsibility of industrial management and the leaders of each community to see to it that educational facilities are expanded in equal proportion with industrial facilities in order that every school age child may be adequately accommodated.

4. It shall be the duty of the Minister of Education and chairmen of various local people's committees to do all the necessary repair work on school buildings and complete work on all school facilities by 15 August 1950 for the school year of 1950.

#### Increasing Teachers

1. Four more teachers colleges with 14 classes shall be added to the number of teachers college, as prescribed in the Two-Year People's Economic Program. The chairman of the State Planning Board and the Minister of Finance are responsible for this special task.

2. It shall be the duty of the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance to recruit 1,500 high-school graduates and prospective graduates to give them a 3-month teacher-training course and thus to avoid a shortage of teachers on the elementary level. In addition, all schoolteachers will be required in the future to attend a 20-day political training class during summer vacation months.

3. The Minister of Education, Cabinet members, and chairmen of various local people's committees must see to it that teacher-training and re-education programs be intensified, and at the same time that teachers are prevented from participating in any activity in any organization not cleared by the proper authorities.

4. The Minister of Finance must provide sufficient scholarship funds for every student in normal colleges to cover the cost of rent and fuel. The funds shall come from the national treasury.

#### Care of Teachers

1. The chairman of the State Planning Board and the Minister of Commerce shall cooperate to provide every teacher in the people's schools with clothing and shoes at a special price.

2. It shall be the duty of the chairmen of all provincial people's committees to see that teachers in rural communities are provided with sufficient free fuel. In addition, every teacher's-family shall be given 50 pyung [One pyung equals 6 square feet] of free land for growing vegetables.

3. It shall be the responsibility of the chairman of the State Planning Board, Minister of Commerce, and Minister of Forestry to see that city schoolteachers receive an increased amount of daily necessities, 4 tons of free coal and one cord of free fire wood. The Minister of City Planning must keep teachers' residences in the best livable condition.

4. To provide individual residences for all schoolteachers, the government has set aside a trust fund of 50 million won to be allocated according to needs and to distribute building materials before the end of February 1950 at a cost prescribed by the government. It shall be the responsibility of the Minister of City Planning and chairmen of various local people's committees to submit to the Ministry of Finance a complete program for this purpose. The Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance must prepare and submit to the Cabinet, before the end of February 1950, necessary regulations for administering the teachers-residence construction trust loans.

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5. The Minister of Commerce must see to it that in every city there shall be a store, or stores, for schoolteachers where they can buy foodstuffs and daily necessities at special prices. In counties, every county people's committee under the supervision of the Minister of Commerce shall set up special county stores for teachers.

6. Teachers who teach a full academic year shall be granted a 24-day vacation with pay, which is to be computed on the monthly average pay of the school year. The Ministers of Education, Finance, and Labor are required to carry out this particular proviso without fail.

Textbooks and Supplies

1. The responsibility for printing a sufficient number of textbooks and procuring desired quantities of school supplies shall rest with the Minister of Education and the chairman of the State Planning Board.

2. The Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance, and the chairman of the State Planning Board shall, in close cooperation, work to produce sufficient quantities of school supplies, including laboratory equipment, and distribute them among all schools free of charge.

Signed: Kim Il-song, Premier  
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